

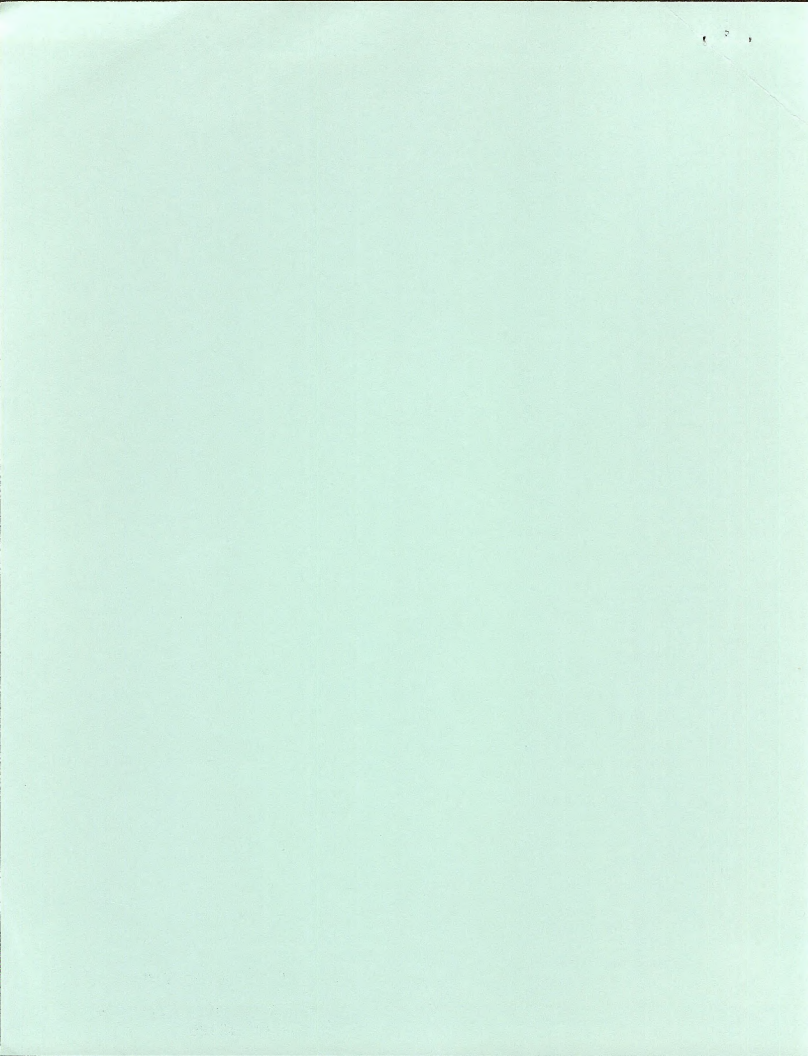


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Dear Reader:

This document contains a summary of Management Framework Plan (MFP) land use decisions which will guide future management actions for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Sierra Planning Area of the Folsom Resource Area. Decisions presented in this document are the culmination of several years of intensive resource inventory, evaluation and planning.

The initial direction of the Asset Management Program was to identify lands suitable for disposal. Present laws, regulations and policies were used for this purpose.

A total of 14,335 acres in 438 parcels are potentially available for disposal. Other lands will be considered for disposal based on public request for specific sales and their conformance with the land use plan objectives.

Additional screening and identification of lands for tenure adjustment will be a continuing process receiving full public participation. We will continually use the asset management objectives to identify public lands that are:

1. Not essential for Federal programs.
2. Not efficient to manage.
3. More usable by local communities for growth.
4. Better utilized for exchanges to benefit public land management elsewhere.

Grazing use will be about 10,000 AUM's and allowed on lands suitable for grazing unless otherwise specified.

Mineral and energy development are a major part of multiple-use management and are managed consistent with surface protection regulations. Mineral rights with surface management responsibilities exist on 223,000 acres, and subsurface rights exist on an additional 63,000 acres. Withdrawn acreage subject to mineral development restrictions is about 12,000 acres.

Forest management will be practiced on approximately 27,400 acres of productive forest lands. The plan proposes a balanced program of harvesting 2.5-4 MMF annually combined with forest development activities. The area will continue to offer both commercial and noncommercial firewood sales.

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Plan implementation will allow the widest range of activities and provide production of raw materials within the constraints of multiple-use and sustained yield. Our intent is to fully implement this land use plan within five years.

Should you wish to review the more detailed land use decisions for a specific area of resource than what is reported in this summary document, the official Sierra Planning Area MFP land use plan is maintained at the Bakersfield District BLM's Folsom Resource Area Office, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, California 95630. We hope you will keep abreast of the Bureau's continuous management program and will continue to actively participate in subsequent planning efforts. We want our work to be guided by your thinking as well as ours.

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District Manager

FOLSOM RESOURCE AREA LOCATION MAP

Bakersfield District

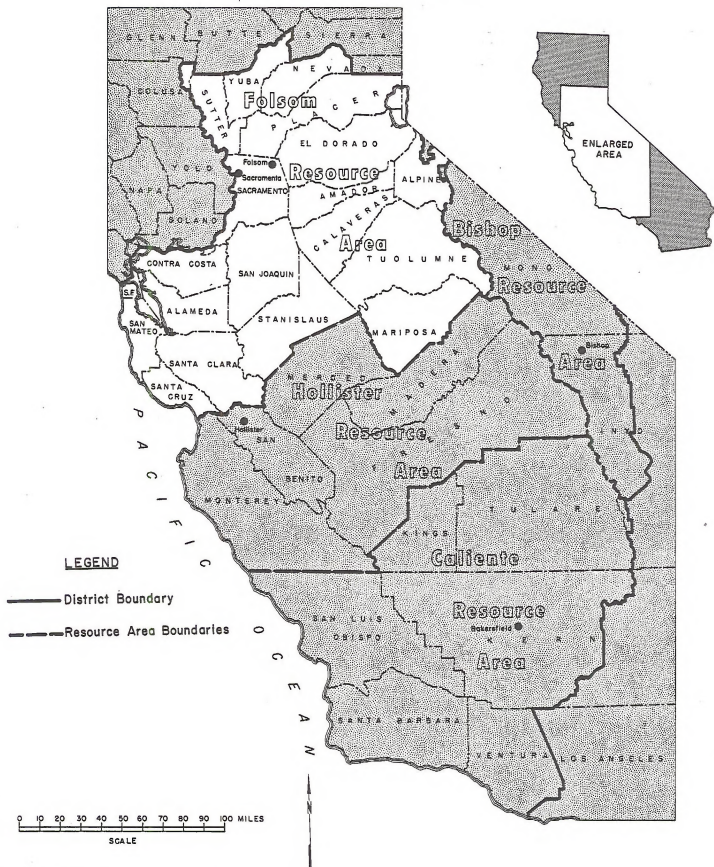


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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has developed a system of land use planning in order to manage the public lands on a sustained-yield basis for multiple-use purposes, that is, for the greatest benefit for the greatest number of people in the present and future generations, while maintaining environmental standards. These procedures are based on the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which directs the BLM to develop guidelines for the present and future management of the public lands.

In keeping with this directive, the resources and values of the public lands in the Sierra Planning Area were inventoried, and this information was analyzed and resource recommendations were developed. Based on these resource recommendations, multiple-use recommendations were developed to resolve conflicts and provide opportunities for resource development and use.

Throughout this process, public input was solicited. Data and information on resources and resource values were requested from other governmental bodies, as well as from private citizens and special-interest groups. In addition, opinions on management decisions which the public would like to see instituted on the public lands were requested.

This document is a summary of the key management decisions to be carried out for the Sierra Planning Area of the Folsom Resource Area. There are about 222,900 acres of public land within the planning area and, for management purposes, these were divided into fourteen management areas.

TABLE I

The Sierra Planning Area is a consolidation of four old planning units covering Yuba-Nevada, Placer-El Dorado, Amador-Calaveras, and Tuolumne-Mariposa counties. Public land and total acreage in each county is shown below:

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acreage</u>	<u>BLM Acreage</u>
Yuba	407,680	3,172
Nevada	625,920	19,971
Placer	911,360	18,935
El Dorado	1,096,960	14,519
Amador	397,520	9,236
Calaveras	657,280	39,033
Tuolumne	1,455,360	45,672
Mariposa	931,200	72,394
TOTAL	6,483,280	222,932

The Sierra Planning Area has been divided into 14 management areas.

<u>County</u>	<u>Management Area</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Nevada	Nevada City	11,000
Placer-El Dorado	Foresthill Divide	13,000
El Dorado	Georgetown	2,500
El Dorado	South Fork American River	2,180
Amador-Calaveras	Mokelumne River	6,000
Calaveras	West Point	10,300
Tuolumne-Calaveras	Stanislaus River	5,200
Tuolumne	Tuolumne River	7,000
Tuolumne	Red Hills	7,000
Tuolumne-Mariposa	Coulterville	21,000
Tuolumne-Mariposa	Groveland	7,000
Mariposa	Hunter Valley	9,000
Mariposa	Merced River	40,000
All counties	Custodial	81,527
		222,932

PLANNING GOALS

In the early stages of the planning effort, the following planning goals were established for the planning area based on the resource values present, resource use patterns, public input, and recommendations from other agencies and local governments:

1. Provide for the widest range of use and production of the public lands within the constraints of multiple use and sustained yield, while maintaining a positive environmental balance.
2. Strive to meet the numerous requests due to urban expansion for access and utility rights-of-way; land tenure adjustments; Recreation and Public Purposes; and disposal through the Asset Management Program. Due consideration will be given to environmental and resource values of public lands and to the potential impacts of Bureau actions on adjacent lands.
3. Provide for intensive forest management practices on approximately 27,400 acres of productive forest lands. The plan proposes a balanced program of harvesting 2.5 to 4 MMBF annually combined with forest development activities.
4. Provide for approximately 10,000 animal unit months (AUMs) per annum to 114 lessees on approximately 97,000 acres on a sustained-yield basis, with consideration given to other resource values.
5. Provide for the exploration, prospecting, and mining of minerals located on the public lands within the constraints of the mining laws and regulations.
6. Maintain and/or improve wildlife and fisheries habitats in order to support viable populations. Provide for the protection of threatened habitats of game and nongame species.
7. Provide for land-based and water-based recreation opportunities upon the public lands. Provide for specific whitewater allocations for commercial and noncommercial use and to mitigate or eliminate conflicts among recreation users.

NEVADA CITY MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The Nevada City Management Area is located in Nevada County and consists of 11,000 acres. Urban expansion is creating more demands for the use of public lands in the form of road and utility rights-of-way. The timber program is an important contribution to the area's economy.

Bald eagles winter in Rollins and Englebright Reservoirs. The area lies in the range of the distribution of the California Spotted Owl. The area is winter range for the Downieville and Nevada City Deer Herds; 6,120 acres are critical winter range for the latter.

The primary recreational activities are water based, especially along the South Yuba River. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use is primarily within the "Red Dog/You Bet" area. The South Yuba Recreation Area receives intense visitor use during the summer.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal is to allow for an increase in production in forestry, to increase visitor-use days for recreational pursuits, and initiate an intensive wildlife habitat management program. The South Yuba River Recreation Area will be managed to enhance water-based recreation.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Provide recreation opportunities such as swimming, sunbathing, picnicking, camping, fishing, hiking, and hunting for approximately 50,000 visitor-use days (VUDs).

2. Provide ORV opportunities in the Red Dog/You Bet area. Provide staging areas and mark public land boundaries.

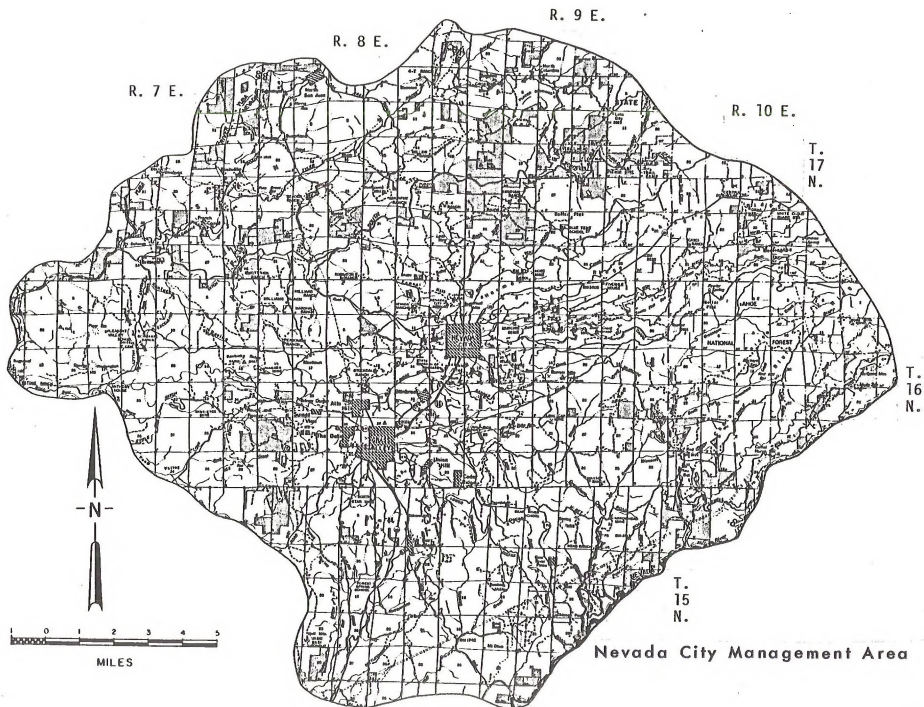
3. Cooperate with California Department of Fish and Game, Western Mining Council (WMC), and the County to provide suction dredging opportunities and minimize conflicts with other recreation uses.

4. Continue to manage the Sustained Yield Unit-15 (SYU-15) timber base and provide 1,100 MBF of timber production.

5. Prescribe burn to improve timber production, reduce fuel hazards, and improve wildlife habitat.

6. Parcels of public land totaling 939 acres, 105 parcels, have been identified for disposal.

7. Allow land tenure adjustments where actions are compatible with the stated management goals.



FORESTHILL DIVIDE MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

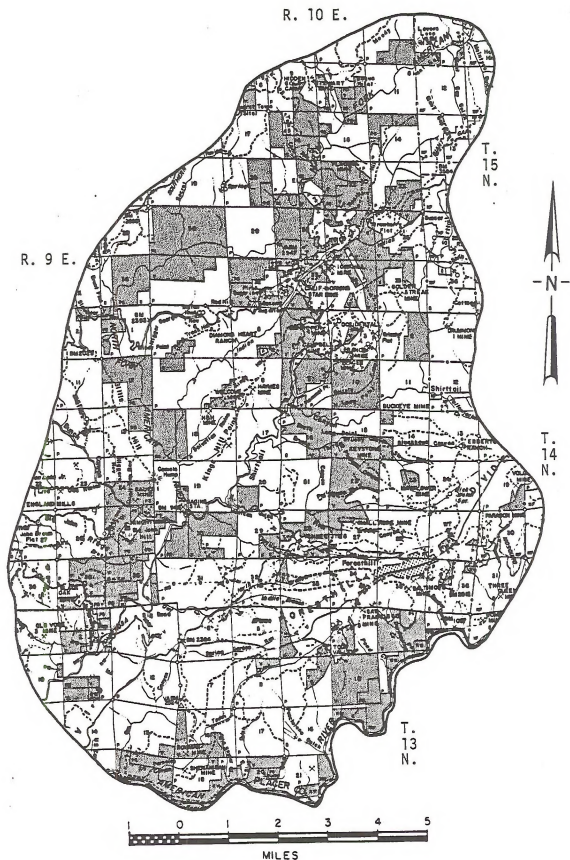
The Foresthill Divide Management Area is located in Placer County and the northern part of El Dorado County. This area contains 13,000 acres of public land. There are 10,000 acres of winter range for the Blue Canyon Deer Herd. The California Department of Fish and Game has identified 3,500 acres of critical winter range. This management area lies within the range of distribution of the California Spotted Owl. From the Cedars to 1,000 feet above the Iowa Hill - Colfax Bridge, the North Fork of the American River is a designated Wild and Scenic River. Rural areas around Foresthill and Iowa Hill are experiencing increases in population. Accompanying this development is the demand for utilities and access across public land and for transfer of public lands into private and local government ownership.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to manage for the improvement and protection of timber resources to allow full support of the SYU-15 timber base and the initiation of intensive wildlife habitat management while insuring environmental protection.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Continue to manage the SYU-15 timber base and provide 920 MBF of timber production.
2. Prescribe burn to improve timber production, reduce fuel hazards, and improve wildlife habitat with emphasis on critical deer winter range.
3. Continue to manage the North Fork of the American River as a designated Wild and Scenic River.
4. Develop the Gold Run addition of the North Fork Wild and Scenic River as a visitor center (Public Law 95-625 11/10/78).
5. Improve and upgrade the trail systems, parking, and staging areas as identified within the North Fork Wild and Scenic River Draft Management Plan.
6. Manage mineral exploration and development within the constraints of the surface protection regulations. Allow for mineral material sale sites for sand and gravel.
7. Allow those land tenure adjustments where the actions are compatible with the stated management goals with priority given to those that are energy related.
8. Thirteen parcels of public land totaling 119 acres have been identified for disposal.



Foresthill Divide Management Area

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

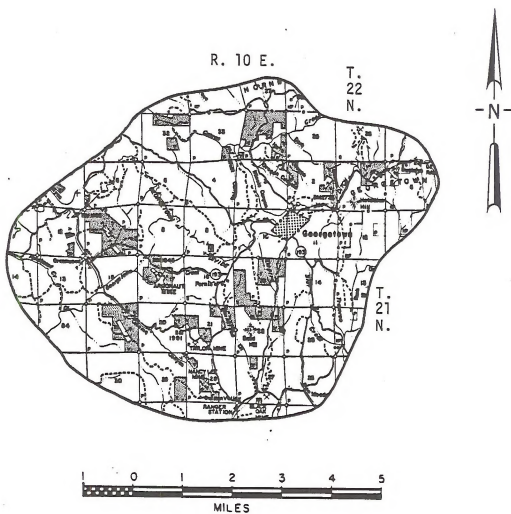
The Georgetown Divide Management Area is located in El Dorado County in the vicinity of Georgetown, Greenwood, and Garden Valley. The area contains 2,500 acres of public land. Some 1,984 acres have been identified as part of the available timber production base for SYU-15. The entire area is resident range for the Placerville Deer Herd. This management area lies within range of distribution of the California Spotted Owl. Rural homesites are being developed in this vicinity. Accompanying the development is the demand for utilities and access across public land. There is also a demand for transfer of public lands into private and local government ownership.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

Management goals for this area are to provide for resource production opportunities while insuring environmental protection. Timber production area will also be managed for improved wildlife habitat.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Continue to manage the SYU-15 timber base and provide 320 MBF of timber production.
2. Prescribe burn to improve timber production, reduce fuel hazard, and improve wildlife habitat.
3. Manage mineral exploration and development within the constraints of the surface protection regulations. Allow for mineral material sale sites for sand and gravel.
4. Allow those land tenure adjustments where the actions are compatible with the stated management goals.
5. Eleven parcels of public land totaling 60 acres have been identified for disposal.



Georgetown Divide Management Area

SOUTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION AND PHYSICAL PROFILE:

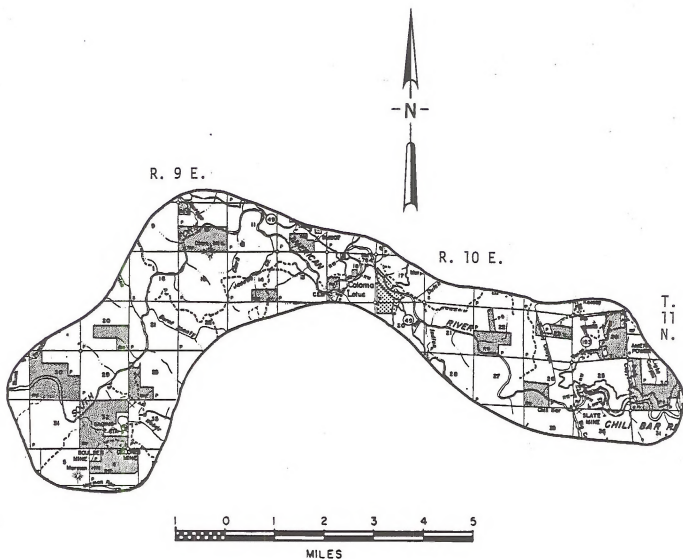
The South Fork of the American River Management Area is located in El Dorado County. This area consists of 20.5 miles of river corridor between Chili Bar and Salmon Falls Bridge. The area has approximately 2,180 acres of public land. Commercial and noncommercial whitewater rafting is an important use of this area. The BLM has issued 60 commercial permits and there are approximately 50,000 Visitor-Use Days (VUDs) of commercial and noncommercial whitewater use.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

Manage public lands along the South Fork of the American River to enhance whitewater recreation. Work cooperatively with El Dorado County to provide a quality whitewater experience.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Manage the commercial and noncommercial whitewater use so as to provide 50,000 VUDs.
2. Continue to provide opportunities for swimming, fishing, sunbathing, picnicking, and camping.
3. Continue to issue commercial whitewater permits for lunch stops and camping so as not to impair the users' experience and/or degrade the campsites and lunch stops.
4. Clearly identify public lands through the marking of boundaries so as to reduce the opportunities for unauthorized use.
5. Initiate a prescribed burn program for public land along Weber Creek to improve habitat conditions for resident deer and quail.
6. All grazing leases will be under custodial management.
7. Continue the segregation against mineral entry on lands within the management area.
8. Manage timber resources, fuelwood, and sawlogs for a moderate level of production where it is compatible with stated management goals.
9. Secure easements for legal access into Weber Creek.



South Fork American River Management Area

MOKELUMNE RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The Mokelumne River is the county line between Amador and Calaveras counties. The management area consists of approximately 6,000 acres of public land, and contains approximately 10 miles of river. There are approximately 7,000 VLDs of recreation use within the management area. PG&E has developed camping and picnic sites at Tiger Creek and Electra Road. East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has expressed a concern for water quality along the Mokelumne River since some of this water is used for a domestic water system. The lands downstream of the West Point Bridge are resident range for the Placerville Deer Herd, and the lands upstream are critical habitat for the Railroad Flat Deer Herd.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The goal for this management area is to manage the Mokelumne River to enhance water-based recreational opportunities, but under the concepts of multiple-use management. Timber production areas will also be managed for improved wildlife habitat.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

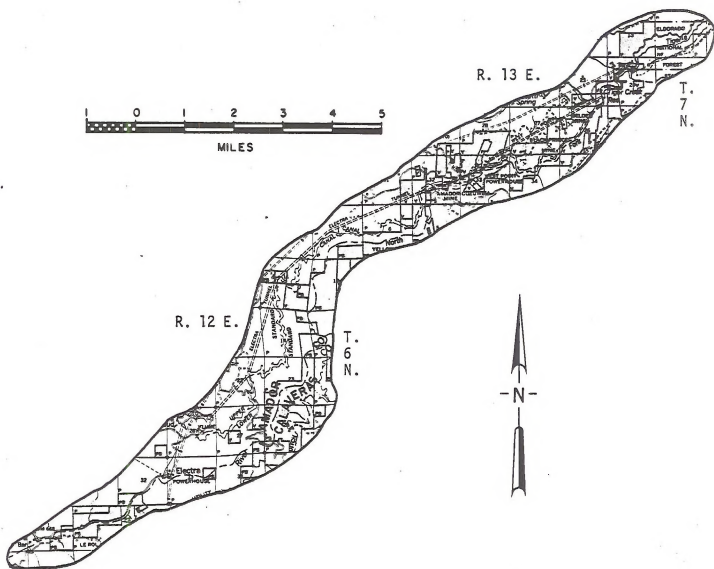
1. Continue to manage the SYU-15 timber base and provide 160 MBF of timber production.

2. Prescribe burn to improve timber production, reduce fuel hazard, and improve wildlife habitat.

3. Manage for livestock grazing to provide a yearly average of 484 AUMs for livestock.

4. Continue to provide opportunities for swimming, fishing, sunbathing, picnicking, kayaking, and hunting.

5. Provide for developed recreation areas as warranted by demand for increased water-based recreation opportunities.



Mokelumne River Management Area

WEST POINT MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The West Point Management Area is located in Calaveras County. This area contains 10,300 acres of public land. Some 5,327 acres have been identified as suitable for timber production. There are 5,320 acres of winter range for the Railroad Flat Deer Herd. The California Department of Fish and Game has identified 2,080 acres as critical winter range. The management area lies within the range of distribution of the California Spotted Owl. Rural homesites are being developed in this vicinity. Accompanying this development is the demand for utilities and access across public land and for transfer of public lands into private and local government ownership.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal of the area is to provide for resource production opportunities while insuring environmental protection. Allow for full support of SYU-15 timber program and the initiation of intensive wildlife habitat management.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Continue to manage the SYU-15 timber base and provide 800 MBF of timber production.

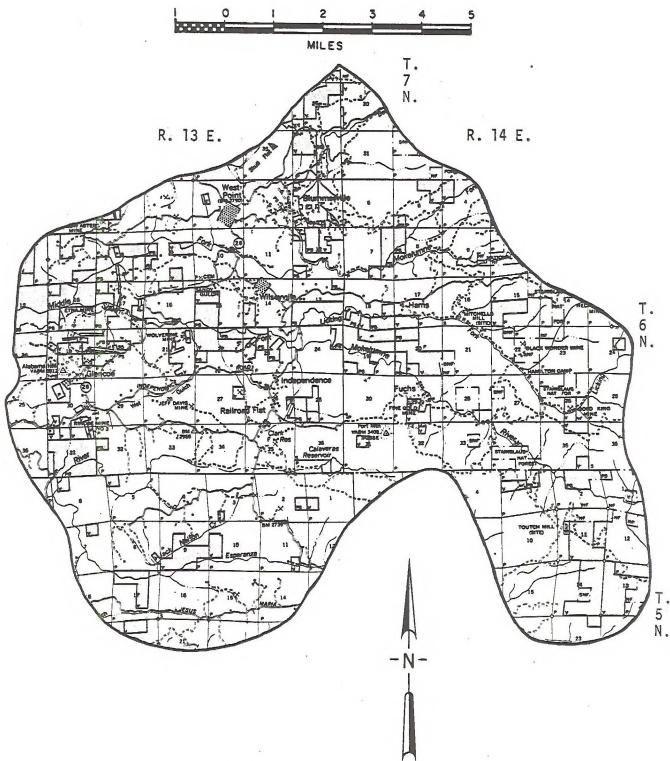
2. Prescribe burn to improve timber production, reduce fuel hazard, and improve wildlife habitat with emphasis on critical deer winter range.

3. Protect the California Shield Fern at Gold King Mine in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, T.6N., R.14E., MDM.

4. Manage mineral exploration and developemnt within the constraints of the surface protection regulations. Allow for mineral material sale sites for sand and gravel.

5. Allow those land tenure adjustments where the actions are compatible with the stated management prescription with priority given to those that are energy related.

6. Seventeen parcels of public land totaling 463 acres have been identified for disposal.



West Point Management Area

STANISLAUS RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The Stanislaus River is the county dividing line between Tuolumne and Calaveras counties. The management area consists of approximately 5,200 acres of public land. The entire management area is winter range for the Stanislaus Deer Herd. Approximately 3,600 acres are critical winter range.

The development of the New Melones Dam and Reservoir has withdrawn approximately 4,900 acres of public land. BLM no longer has surface management responsibilities upon these lands. However, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Reclamation, we continue to manage the whitewater activity and the cave resources within the area.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

Continue management in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation as described in the Memorandum of Understanding currently in effect. Continue to manage the water-related recreational activities.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Continue our Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Reclamation to manage the whitewater and cave resources through 1983. Dissolve the M.O.U. and turn management over to the Bureau of Reclamation in FY 1984.

2. Provide for recreation activities such as swimming, fishing, sunbathing, picknicking, camping, and caving.

3. Inventory and protect all significant cultural sites.

4. Prescribe burn the area around Knight Creek and Rose Creek to improve winter deer habitat.

TUOLUMNE MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The Tuolumne Management Area consists of a corridor, 20 miles in length, that begins below Twain Harte and extends south to the confluence of Moccasin Creek and the Tuolumne River. There are approximately 7,000 acres of public land within the management area. Some 502 acres have been identified as available timber production base as part of the SYU-15. The area lies within the range of distribution of the California Spotted Owl. Another 2,680 acres are within the winter range for the Tuolumne Deer Herd; 360 acres of this is considered critical winter range. A Wild and Scenic River Study has recently been completed for the Tuolumne River.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to provide for commodity production in full support of SYU-15 base and allow for an increase in production for range forage, while insuring environmental protection.

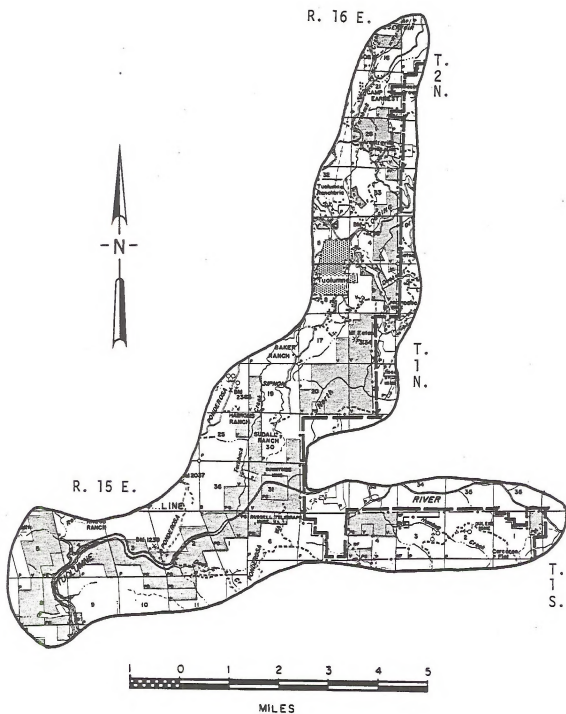
III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Continue to manage the SYU-15 timber base and provide 60 MBF of timber production.

2. Manage livestock grazing to allow a yearly average of 587 AUMs for livestock use.

3. Continue management agreement with Stanislaus National Forest for whitewater opportunities and other river-oriented recreation activities on the Tuolumne River.

4. Seventeen parcels of public land totaling 546 acres have been identified for disposal.



Tuolumne Management Area

RED HILLS MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The Red Hills Management Area is located in western Tuolumne County immediately southwest of Chinese Camp. The entire management area consists of approximately 7,000 acres of public land. The vegetation includes four sensitive plant species: Red Hills Soap Root, Congdon's Lomatium, California Verbena, and Senecio celevelandii var. heterophyllus. All are identified as candidates for listing as endangered or threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Due to convenient access and proximity to population centers, the Red Hills attracts a variety of recreationists. Target shooters, four-wheel-drive enthusiasts, hikers, photographers, horseback riders, and motorcyclists all use the area. The major activities in the past have been target shooting and ORV use.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goals for this area are to continue present management under multiple-use concepts with an emphasis on recreational uses, while restricting some uses for the protection of specific sensitive plant species.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Coordinate all activities that could significantly impact sensitive plants with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assure adequate protection of the species.
2. Provide "limited" ORV opportunities in the northern half of the management area. Develop staging areas and mark public land boundaries.
3. Allow those land tenure adjustments where the actions are compatible with the stated management goals.

COULTERVILLE MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

The Coulterville Management Area is located in southeastern Tuolumne County and northwestern Mariposa County. Approximately 21,000 acres of public land are included within this management area. Mixed chaparral is the dominant vegetation type. A considerable acreage of chaparral is over-mature, decadent, hazardous brush fields. The entire area is resident range for the Mariposa Deer Herd. Bald eagles winter and roost along the shores of Don Pedro and Lake McClure. Livestock grazing is an important commodity within the area and is authorized by grazing leases to 17 different operators.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to provide management which will allow for intensive resource production in range and wildlife, while insuring environmental protection.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Begin a prescribed burning program for wildlife habitat improvement, range improvement, and to reduce present heavy fuel loads.

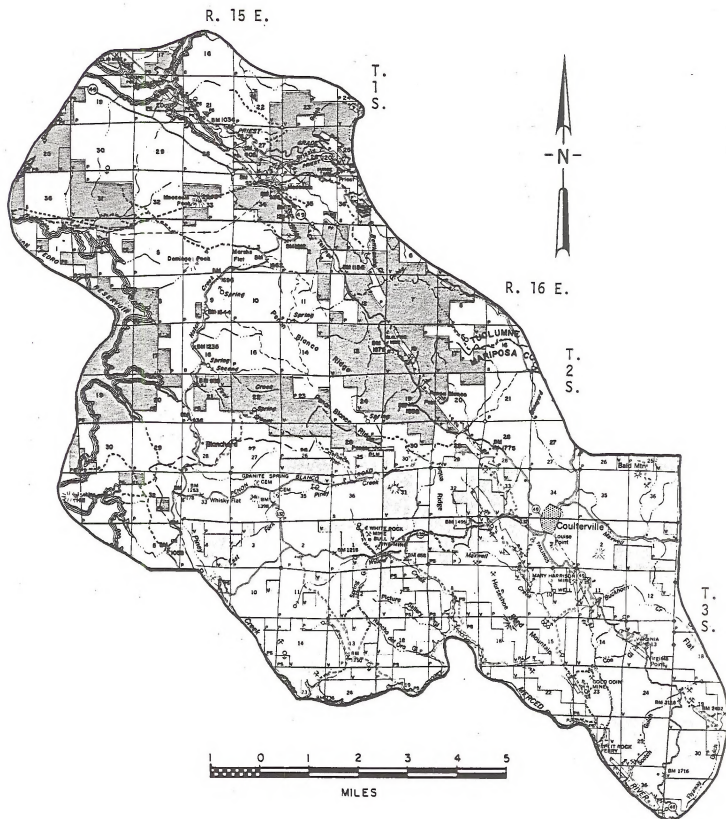
2. Manage for livestock grazing to provide a yearly average of 3,108 AUMs for livestock.

3. Revise the Turpin Allotment Management Plan (AMP) to include the Picture Gallery area.

4. Fence springs when necessary to prevent livestock damage and insure that adequate water is left on-site to mountain riparian habitat.

5. Preserve known and potential roosting sites for bald eagles along the shores of Don Pedro and Lake McClure.

6. Twenty parcels of public land totaling 970 acres have been identified for disposal.



Coulterville Management Area

GROVELAND MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

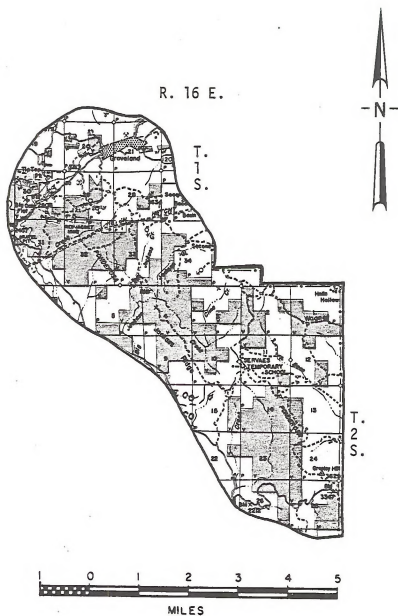
The Groveland Management Area is located in southern Tuolumne and northern Mariposa counties. This area contains 7,000 acres of public land, of which 1,909 acres have been identified as part of the available timber production base for SYU-15. This area is yearlong range for the Mariposa resident deer herd. This management area lies within the range of distribution of the California Spotted Owl. Rural homesites are being developed in this area. Accompanying this development is the demand for utilities and access across public land and for transfer of public lands into private and local government ownership.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to provide for resource production opportunities while insuring environmental protection.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Continue to manage the SYU-15 timber base and provide 230 MBF of timber production.
2. Prescribe burn to improve timber production and reduce fuel hazard.
3. Manage mineral exploration and development within the constraints of the surface protection regulations. Allow for mineral material sale sites for sand and gravel.
4. Allow those land tenure adjustments where the actions are compatible with the stated management goals with priority given to those that are energy related.
5. Twelve parcels of public land totaling 300 acres have been identified for disposal.



Groveland Management Area

HUNTER VALLEY MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

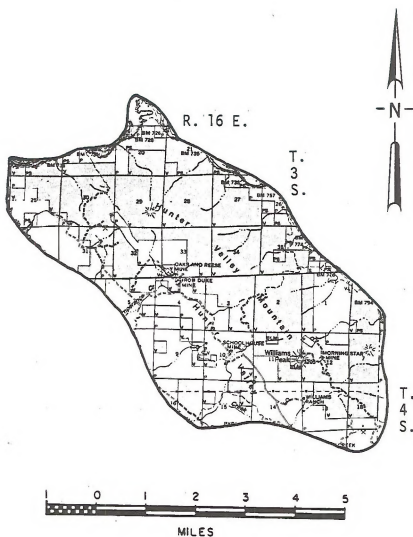
The Hunter Valley Management Area is located in Mariposa County. The management area includes both Hunter Valley and Hunter Valley Mountain. Approximately 9,000 acres of public land are included in this management area. The area support diverse wildlife populations typical of the chaparral belt and foothill woodlands; however, wildlife populations are low. Livestock grazing is an important commodity within the area and is authorized by grazing leases to three different livestock operators. This management area has excellent public access. The Hunter Valley Mountain Road is a BLM road that traverses the entire length of Hunter Valley Mountain, dead ending at a private concessionaire on Lake McClure. The Hunter Valley Road is a county road that provides public access into Hunter Valley.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to provide for resource production opportunities while insuring environmental protection. Range resources will be managed to allow allocation of an average of 2,476 AUMs for livestock consumption, and provide for intensive habitat improvement.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Begin a prescribed burning program for wildlife habitat improvement, range improvement, and to reduce heavy fuel loads.
2. Manage for livestock grazing to provide a yearly average of 2,476 AUMs for livestock.
3. Develop and AMP for the Hunter Valley grazing lease.
4. Fence springs when necessary to prevent livestock damage and insure that adequate water is left on site to maintain riparian habitat.
5. Six parcels of public land totaling 430 acres have been identified for disposal.



Hunter Valley Management Area

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

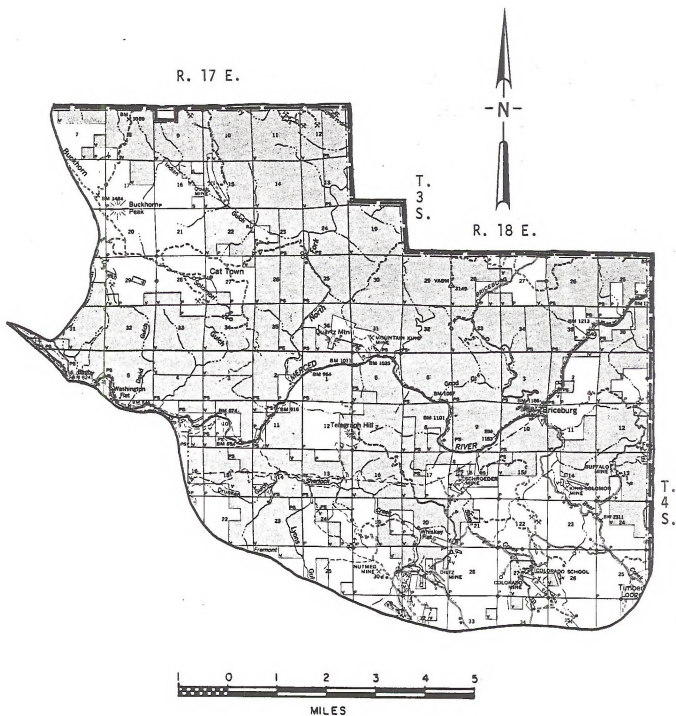
The Merced River Management Area is located in Mariposa County. This area contains approximately 40,000 acres of public land of which 341 acres have been identified as part of the available timber production base for SYU-15. The area is important winter range for the Yosemite Deer Herd. The Limestone Salamander, which is a state-listed rare species, is also found within the Merced River area. Livestock grazing is an important commodity within the area and is authorized by lease to seven different livestock operators. A portion of the area has been identified as a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). The Merced River area also contains nine significant archaeological sites which may be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Merced River receives heavy recreational use during the summer season and occasionally accommodates overflow campers from Yosemite National Park.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to provide a management program which allows for intensive resource production in range, wildlife, recreation, and minerals, while insuring environmental protection to rare species of plants and significant cultural values.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Intensively manage for livestock grazing north of the Merced River to provide a yearly average of 2,989 AUMs.
2. Control and/or prohibit uses that would impact cultural sites, WSAs, and Rare Threatened and Endangered (RT&E) habitat.
3. Intensively manage those forest lands as identified in SYU-15 to include site preparation, tree planting, thinning, and harvesting on a sustained-yield basis.
4. Allow those land tenure adjustments compatible with the stated management goals.
5. Manage the present communication site at Mt. Bullion to its full potential prior to utilizing other areas.
6. Restrict ORV use to designated roads and trails in the vicinity of the North Fork of the Merced River.
7. Manage the Merced River for whitewater recreation opportunities.
8. Twenty-four parcels of public land totaling 918 acres have been identified for disposal.
9. Continue to manage swimming, picnicking, sunbathing, and camping opportunities along the Merced River.
10. Manage mineral exploration and development within the constraints of the surface protection regulations. Allow for mineral material sale sites for sand and gravel.
11. Designate the identified Limestone Salamander habitat as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).
12. Begin a prescribed burning program on 30,000 acres.
13. Recommend Merced River WSA unsuitable for wilderness designation.



Merced River Management Area

CUSTODIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LOCATION & PHYSICAL PROFILE:

This management area consists of all public lands administered by the Folsom Resource Area not identified as specific management areas. This area contains approximately 81,000 acres of public land. A variety of rare, sensitive and endangered plants, and wildlife occur in this management area, as well as a rare soil type. Livestock grazing is authorized by leases to 67 different livestock operations. A suitable timber production base of 10,955 acres has been identified. Residential homesites are being developed in this area. Accompanying this development is the demand for utilities and access across public land and for the transfer of public lands into private and local government ownership.

II. MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The management goal for this area is to continue present management under multiple-use concepts, but restrict some uses for the protection of specific wildlife and cultural values.

III. LAND USE DECISIONS:

1. Manage forest resources to insure continued average annual production of 870 MBF timber in support of Sustained Yield Unit-15 base.
2. Prescribe burn to improve timber production, reduce fuel hazard, and improve wildlife habitat.
3. Manage mineral exploration and development within the constraints of the surface protection regulations. Allow for mineral sale sites for sand and gravel.
4. Allow those land tenure adjustments where the actions are compatible with the stated management goals.
5. Designate the tract of public land southeast of Buena Vista (Amador County) as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) because of the unique laterite soils that are found on the tract. The parcel is located within T. 5 N., R. 10 E., M.D.M., Section 16: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Section 17: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
6. Continue to monitor recreation opportunities along the Consumnes River and provide recreation development as warranted by demand.
7. Public land totaling 9,590 acres (213 parcels) have been identified for disposal.

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